

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 4:13CV02510 SNLJ
	)	
CINDY GRIFFITH and JOSHUA	)	
D. HAWLEY,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before me on the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by Petitioner Christopher Roberts. I referred this matter to United States Magistrate Judge Patricia L. Cohen for a report and recommendation on all dispositive matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). On March 31, 2017, Judge Cohen filed her recommendation that Roberts' habeas petition should be dismissed.

Objections to Judge Cohen's Report and Recommendation were filed. After careful consideration, I will adopt and sustain the thorough reasoning of Judge Cohen and deny Roberts' habeas petition for the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation dated March 31, 2017. Petitioner's objections are overruled.

I have also considered whether to issue a certificate of appealability. To grant a certificate of appealability, the Court must find a substantial showing of the denial of a federal constitutional right. *See Tiedeman v. Benson*, 122 F.3d 518, 522 (8th Cir. 1997). A substantial showing is a showing that issues are debatable among reasonable jurists, a

Court could resolve the issues differently, or the issues deserve further proceedings. *Cox v. Norris*, 133 F.3d 565, 569 (8th Cir. 1997) (citing *Flieger v. Delo*, 16 F.3d 878, 882-83 (8th Cir. 1994)). Because Roberts has not made such a showing in this case, I will not issue a certificate of appealability.

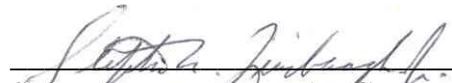
Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Judge Cohen's Report and Recommendation, #21, filed March 31, 2017 is adopted and sustained in its entirety.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, #1, is **DENIED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court will not issue a certificate of appealability. A separate Judgment in accordance with this Memorandum and Order is entered this same date.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

  
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STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE